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DE VALERA'S STAND.

"WE CANNOT CHANGE OUR POSITION."

EXCITEMENT IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, August 26.

Unprecedented scenes of excitement were witnessed in Dublin at the opening of the public session of Dail Eireann. Public anxiety to know whether Mr. De Valera's reply meant peace or war was intense. The session opened without prayers. Mr. De Valera formally submitted his own and the Cabinet's resignations on the ground that they had now a newly-elected Dail Eireann. Amid enthusiasm Mr. De Valera was re-elected president. In a speech, Mr. De Valera referred to his colleagues on the Cabinet. He declared that they had worked as a team and intended to continue to do so. The English who thought they were going to divide Ireland were going to be disappointed. Whatever happened Ireland would face her enemies as a united nation. Mr. De Valera read his letter to Mr. Lloyd George. He added that he did not intend to comment on it, but "we cannot change our position because it is fundamentally sound and just. On that rock we shall stand."

\$20,000,000 LOAN IN AMERICA.

LONDON, August 26.

Dail Eireann has adopted a proposal to raise a loan of \$20,000,000 in America and £500,000 in Ireland.

All the cabinet ministers were re-elected.

DOOR NOT YET CLOSED.

LONDON, August 25.

The consensus of opinion expressed by the evening papers is that though Mr. De Valera's reply is not satisfactory it has not closed the door on further negotiations but these are likely to be prolonged.

AMIENS AUSTRALIAN CEMETERY.

PARIS, August 24.

The Australian Premier, Mr. Hughes, has arrived at Amiens on a visit to the Australian military cemetery.—Havas.

MARSHAL JOFFRE'S VISIT TO JAPAN POSTPONED.

PARIS, August 24.

The departure of Marshal Joffre to Japan has been postponed until the end of the year.—Havas.

TRADE SLUMP.

HEAVY DROP BETWEEN AMERICA AND EUROPE.

WASHINGTON, August 26.

Exports to Europe during July totalled \$180,000,000 compared with \$340,000,000 last year. The imports from Europe totalled \$57,000,000 compared with \$119,000,000 last year.

SOUTH INDIAN RISINGS.

SITUATION CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED.

CALICUT AGAIN QUIET.

LONDON, August 26.

Latest information from the general staff shows that the situation at Calicut is quiet. The detachment at Malapuram has not been further attacked and a force is moving to its relief from Calicut, whence the railway to the south is being cleared. Risings continue in the Tealayanad and Ernad districts. Advanced troops sent from Podanur as far as Pattambi report the situation normal and the line clear at Moplah. Workmen on the bridge over Cauvery at Erode are reported to be in a state of unrest.

CANADA'S RAILWAYS.

SUGGESTED \$750,000,000 NATIONAL COMPANY.

OTTAWA, August 26.

Sir Joseph Flavelle, director of the Grand-Trunk Railway, has made a statement expressing optimism with regard to the eventual success of the national railway system. He suggests the formation of a national railway company with a capital of \$750,000,000, of which the Government shall take \$500,000,000 in payment of existing advances to the various systems acquired. Sir Joseph Flavelle predicts that if good sense prevails the management of the national railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway can work together and avoid unnecessary multiplication of services.

ERZBERGER MURDERED.

FORMER GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER'S TWELVE WOUNDS.

BERLIN, August 26.

Herr Erzberger, former finance minister and vice-premier, has been murdered. A previous attempt was made on his life in January of last year.

LATER.

Herr Erzberger's body was discovered near Griesbach in Baden, pierced by twelve revolver shots.

DETAILS OF THE CRIME.

BERLIN, August 26.

Herr Erzberger was journeying from Griesbach to Hoehekriebs accompanied by the Centrist Reichstag member Dietz when he was attacked by two men who fired killing Erzberger and wounding Dietz. The crime is believed to be connected with a recent violent pan-German campaign by Herr Erzberger. As the supposed real author of the present Chancellor's policy the pan-Germans believed that Herr Erzberger was preparing to return to public life whence he disappeared since his libel action against Helfferich.

COUNTY CRICKET.

LONDON, August 26.

Middlesex won by five wickets, Hampshire by five Gloucester by seven, and Lancashire by nine. Surrey was by 88 runs and Yorkshire in the first innings.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 28 58
Today's opening rate 28 38

SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

The following matches in connection with the Garrison Lawn Tennis League were played during the week:—

WILKS WEST R.A.M.C. 6-3.
Edm. Murant and Edm. Jones beat Major Tomlinson and Cpl. Stone 7-5, beat S. M. Thompson and Cpl. Savage 6-4, beat Sgt. Wilkinson and Cpl. Rhodes 6-2.

Edm. Dobson and Edm. Jones lost to Tomlinson and Stone 1-6, beat Thompson and Savage 15-13, beat Wilkinson and Rhodes 6-3.

Sgt. Wells and Edm. Teagle lost to Tomlinson and Stone 7-9, lost to Thompson and Savage 3-6, beat Wilkinson and Rhodes 6-2.

The infantrymen won by six games to three.

R.E. BEAT R.G.A. 9-0.
S.M. Smith and S.Sgt. Hamblin beat S.Sgt. Gillard and Sgt. Walker 6-0, beat C.S.M. Williams and Sgt. Phillips 6-1, beat B. Newcombe and G. Clow 6-0.

C.S.M. Pearson and Cpl. Townsend beat Gillard and Walker 6-1, beat Williams and Phillips 6-0, beat Newcombe and Clow 6-2.

Spr. Conpland and Spr. Newing beat Gillard and Walker 6-0, beat Williams and Phillips 6-1, beat Newcombe and Clow 6-0.

The sappers won by nine games to nil.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Up to August 26.

CLUB. P. W. L. PTS.

R.E. 9 9 0 18
R.A.O.C. 7 6 1 12
2/Wiltshires 9 5 4 10
R.A.S.C. 7 3 4 6
R.A.M.C. 9 2 7 4
R.G.A. 9 0 9 0

INTERPORT SWIMMING.

SHANGHAI'S LETTER.

We are indebted to Mr. R. C. Wicheil, Hon. Sec., of the Victoria Recreation Club for a copy of the following letter, dated August 19, which he has received from Mr. E. P'Escanacao, Hon. Sec., of the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association:—

"My committee having received the list from the Club of the swimmers willing to make the trip, if chosen have been able, at a committee meeting held last night, to accept your very kind invitation. A definite team will not be chosen until after the local galas have taken place but the maximum men who will make the trip will not in any case exceed ten."

"Sincerely hoping that this will leave you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements."

WATER POLO.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

Yesterday's matches at the V.R.C. in connection with the Hongkong Water Polo League resulted in decisive wins for the United and the Lusitano. Both games were one-sided and the victors had play all their own way, scoring with discouraging regularity for their opponents who were unable to reply with a single goal, although they played gamely throughout. The losers, the Tamar and the "Foxglove," have excellent material in their ranks, but are obviously still new to the game. With a lot of practice, they ought to give a good account of themselves.

The results were:—
United 9 goals; "Tamar" 0.
Lusitano 8 goals; "Foxglove" 0.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Up to August 26.

CLUB. P. W. L. D. PTS.

Lusitano 3 3 0 0 6
United Athletic 2 2 0 0 4
V.R.C. 2 2 0 0 4
R.G.A. 2 1 1 0 2
2/Wiltshires 2 0 2 0 0
H.M.S. "Tamar" 2 0 2 0 0
H.M.S. "Foxglove" 3 0 3 0 0

The top part of the mast at the Peak Signal Station was struck by lightning during the storm on Thursday night. The lightning conductor was carried away.

In the small hours of Wednesday morning last week a Dane, named E. Camberg, wanted to enter the Van Wijk Hotel, Singapore, for some purpose or other. Not being a lodger, the Sikh watchman on duty objected to his doing so; thereupon the intruder assaulted the watchman breaking his jaw.

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YEAR OF CONTRASTS.

STRAITS COLONIAL
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The report of the Colonial Secretary on the Straits Settlements for 1920 contains the following illuminating observations in this part of the world an extraordinary year. It was a year of contrasts. The year 1920 was not eventful in any ordinary local sense, but it will long be remembered for its bright beginning and its gloomy end. Singapore, as the meeting place of the Eastern commerce of all nations, is naturally very sensitive to world conditions of trade. The brisk demand of the opening months and the closeness of delivery of goods caused prices to mount to unprecedented heights and tempted traders to indulge in heavy overtrading. A financial and industrial crisis in Japan and the general restriction of credit by banks in all parts of the world acted and reacted on the falling price of rubber and tin. When the large quantities of goods ordered in the early weeks of the year began to arrive, many traders were unable to take them. Weak holders were forced to sell and prices declined from the enormous levels of a few months earlier. Money and credit became tighter and scarcer from June to December and anxiety increased. No money was available for any new local industries. There was also a consequent decline in American and Japanese competition and a number of these firms closed down. Rubber reached its highest point at \$1.15 per lb. in February and had fallen to 30 cents per lb. in December.

The year 1919 had been one of reconstruction. The world was busy setting its house in order and the aim of all countries was to return as speedily as possible to normal pre-war conditions. Social and economic life had been everywhere untroubled and in many places broken by war restrictions and war conditions. At the outset of 1920 hopes ran as high as prices. No hope seemed too extravagant and no price too high. An era of unexampled prosperity appeared to have set in. The golden years had returned. Throughout the British Empire manufacturers found the world at their feet, and the Straits Settlements, standing at the gates of the Far East with a hinterland producing a large portion of two important raw materials (tin and rubber) seemed destined for no mean share of the general prosperity. Local produce was in great demand and any article imported could be sold immediately at a handsome profit. British manufacturers at home could not keep pace with the demand and large orders for iron and steel goods and motor-cars were placed with American and Japanese firms. Demand seemed inexhaustible.

TURNING OF THE TIDE.
But in June the tide began to turn. General depression followed upon financial stringency and deepened to stagnation at the close of the year. Unstable political conditions in Europe still kept closed some of the chief markets, and enormously increased costs of production together with largely diminished purchasing powers slowly but surely emphasised the necessary virtue of economy. Fantastic as the visions of February, 1920, may now appear, the disillusionment of October was none the less profound. The contrast is tropical in its intensity. Six months of unrestrained optimism were followed by six of growing and intense depression, but the sombre colouring of the second is no truer indication than the unnatural brilliance of the first. The problem is simple but world-wide. The will to create a new Heaven and a new Earth can only take effect through a medium of hard times and hard work. It is easy to point the moral and it were idle to adorn the tale with local illustration.

The part of this Colony is perhaps that of a deeply interested spectator. The raw materials of the country, the tin and rubber and copra, await the certainty of industrial recovery in Europe and it is for us to conserve our resources in confident expectation and to be ready to rise on the flood-tide of a world revival.

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AERIAL ATTACK.

EXPERIMENTS BY UNITED
STATES NAVY.

The United States Navy, which maintains its own Aviation Service, is at the moment, says the *Morning Post*, engaged in a series of interesting experiments in connection with aerial attack on warships. Numerous targets have been provided, which, in addition to ex-German submarines and destroyers, include the battleships "Ostfriesland" and "Iowa." The experiments were initiated by a comparative trial between destroyer attack on the submarine by gunfire and aerial attack, also on a submarine. It is reported that as a result of this trial aircraft sank the ex-German submarine U-117 in 16 minutes, using 12 bombs; whereas five destroyers, attacking a smaller submarine, took 24 minutes to sink her, firing 40 rounds. The targets were, of course, stationary.

In the attack on the ex-German battleship "Ostfriesland" and light cruiser "Frankfurt," the Army Aviation Services is co-operating with the Navy. Bombs up to two thousand pounds in weight are being used against these two vessels, and it is the intention to continue the attack until the ships—which will be stationary in deep water—are sunk. The obsolete battleship "Alabama" is also being handed over to the Army as a target.

The greatest interest naturally centres round the attack on the "Iowa." The programme arranged was most comprehensive, and realistic. The "Iowa" is fitted for wireless control and was to have manoeuvred at high speed during the attack. The experiments were to have commenced with a search problem, having as its object the locating of the "Iowa," which, starting from a point well to seaward of the Virginia coast, was to steam shorewards. Aircraft and seaplanes were detailed for the search. When located the "Iowa" was to be attacked by special bombing planes using dummy bombs only, as she is required for further experiments.

WIRELESS CONTROL.
The method by which the "Iowa" is controlled is most ingenious. A few men are left on board to start the engine running slowly, after doing which they leave the ship, which then comes under the control of an officer on board the controlling ship. Wireless signals sent out by the controlling ship are intercepted by the "Iowa's" aerials, and from thence pass to the receiver below. The nature of the signals sent determine the operation performed automatically on board the "Iowa." Amplifiers are fitted which increase the strength of the signals received and relay them in sufficient strength to operate the necessary machinery. To work up to full speed, for instance, the signal is relayed in sufficient strength to operate a sensitive switch, which in its turn operates a larger switch. The latter closes an electric circuit which actuates a valve and admits compressed air to the throttle control of the main engines, opening the throttle, and by admitting steam allows the vessel to work up to full speed. The steering mechanism is controlled by a commutator which is also actuated by the relayed signals; by this means it is possible to swing the ship to port or starboard. If it is desired to steer a steady course, a special signal places the ship under

the control of her own gyro-compass, the effect of which is exactly the same as if she had a helmsman at her wheel steering by compass.

The controlled ship can also be stopped from the controlling ship by means of a long signal of about ten seconds' duration, which by operating a special relay actuates a pneumatic valve and shuts off the various oil-fuel and water-feed pumps, thus automatically cutting off the generating power and so stopping the ship. In case the receiving apparatus on board the controlled ship becomes out of gear, a safety device is provided in the shape of a time clock, which, after a certain interval has elapsed since no signals have been received, automatically shuts down everything and brings the ship to rest.

This is, of course, not the first occasion on which wireless control has been used, but, as science advances, it opens out great possibilities in the realm of realistic experiment. One thing, however, will always be lacking—the intangible factor of the human element, in attack or defence, on the other side. Especially in the aerial attack under peace conditions it is difficult to estimate the effect of an active defence.

"THE FOUL ANCHOR."

SEAMEN IN THE ROYAL COURTS
OF JUSTICE.

"Five steps and overboard" Back and forth along a corridor in the Law Courts, writes a correspondent in the *Times*, they pace in a rhythmic tramp through the buzzing crowd of bewigged barristers, solicitors' clerks and the squalid medley of litigants in cases before the Divorce Court, next door, gazing at but beyond it all as though out to the healthy salt horizons of their accustomed element. What are they doing in this gallery? Two seafaring men, foremast hands, sturdy and broad of beam, square-rigged in pilotjackets and wide trousers; little golden rings in their ears; and with peaked caps too small for their close-cropped bullet-heads. From faces coloured like East India tea look out the clear, inscrutable eyes of the seaman, puckered round with a network of wrinkled ridges graven by constant peering ahead through the sun-glare of the tropics or the haze and wrack of northerly seas. Back and forth before the doors of the Court they pass, in an unhurried rolling walk, so many steps each way, as though keeping a watch on the bridge; with a tilt of the head at the turn; as it were, for a momentary glance over-shoulder, and perhaps a reflective expectation. They are witnesses waiting to give evidence in the Admiralty Court—the Sign of the Foul Anchor—so called in old days throughout the seven seas from the official emblem of the brass anchor with its length of twisted cable which hangs above the Judge's chair.

IN COURT.

Watch one of them, as he is summoned into Court. The cold Gothic formality of the place seems to have become permeated by an atmosphere of salt and seaweed. An enlarged chart hangs upon the wall; the carriage by which the sailor was once opened and closed is looped round stanchions like halyards from the rigging; the single

STONE AGE KITCHEN.

HOT FLINTS TO BOIL WATER.

A Stone Age "communal kitchen" has been discovered in Buckenham Park, Norfolk. Excavation revealed a mass of thousands of the flints known as "pot-boilers." The sun-baked earthenware of our ancestors would not stand fire, so heated flints had to be thrown into the water to raise it to boiling point.

No such "communal kitchen" has been examined in England before, but "Nina F. Layard," who communicates the discovery to *Nature*, states that the accumulation is supposed to mark the site of a large cooking-hearth for boiling the flesh of big game.

lamp on the Judge's table glows in the gathering dusk like a biacade-light; the raised bench with its oaken steps suggests the quarter-deck of an "old-timer," and one almost expects to see a wheel in the witness-box were it not that the outgoing witness, who is being "relieved" in more sense than one, is so obviously an engineer, despite his shore-going "slops," for he descends the steps as if they were those of the ladder in the engine-room hatch, nervously wiping his garbled fingers with an imaginary piece of cotton-waste. Below the Bench rests in its brackets the Silver Oar, official symbol of Admiralty jurisdiction, and, facing it, a sloping board marked with the mariners' compass and having upon it two diminutive model ships indicating the position, as adduced in evidence, of the vessels whose collision is the subject of the action.

PILOTED TO THE BOX.
Judge and counsel vary in appearance not at all with those in other Courts, but by his Lordship's side sit his two naval assessors, resplendent in the blue and gold uniform of Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, whose faces bear as visible an imprint of their calling as that of the incoming witness: three sailors marooned in a court-full of landmen. The burly "shellback" is piloted to the box by the little usher, like a 5,000-ton freighter in tow of a Mersey tug. After a quick look round, as at his next astern or to make quick diagnosis of the weather, he repeats the oath in a deep-sea bass more used to hail the look-out man forward in the chains than to answer the suave though highly technical questions of learned counsel. Recently, a witness of this type amusingly emphasised the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court by misreading the initial words of the oath. "I swear by the Admiralty Gaid—" he declaimed in a voice capable of being heard as far as Blackwall Reach.

And so the case proceeds, and some such scene may be witnessed at any time in the Admiralty Division, where cases of but little interest to a sensational-loving public, but which involve great interests and vast sums of money, are daily decided by a tribunal whose decisions are respected and upheld in every port and ocean where the Red Ensign flies.

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TUESDAY.

August 30, 1921, commencing at 1.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS, CARPETS.

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Hongkong, August 23, 1921.

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TUESDAY.

August 30, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Consignment of

WHITE GOODS.

Comprising:—
Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs, Damask Table Cloths 60 and 65 inches wide, Serviettes, Turkish and Huckaback Towels, Bed Quilts, Bed Valances, Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Cotton Calico, Doilies, Tray and Glass Cloths, Shirtings, Sheetings 72 and 90 inches wide, Bed Sheets, etc., etc., etc.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, August 26, 1921.

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THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY.

the 6th, 7th and 8th September, 1921, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 NOON, to 1.30 p.m.

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Life Boats, Electrical Fittings, Cooking Stoves, Ship's Fittings, Iron Beds, Mattresses and Fittings, Steel Tanks, Life Rafts, Life Belts, Motors, Dynamoes, Carpets, Rugs, Mats, Sheets, Table covers, Steel wire rope, Blankets, Counterpanes, Electric cables, Canvas, Leather and India Rubber Hoses, Old Cordage, Canvas, Linen and Woolen Rags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old Iron, Brass, Gun metal, Steel, Copper and Lead, Coal sacks, Firewood, Iron and Wood blocks, Lamps, Searchlights, Cartrains, Whistles, Oil, Propellers, Lathe, Refractors, Refrigerating and Drilling Machines, Fan Engines, Gauge Glasses, Gauges, Old Asbestos, Steel Tubes, Casks, etc., etc.

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Let may be inspected on Monday,

5th September, 1921.

Also Sale of Old and Surplus Victualing Stores at Kowloon on FRIDAY,

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A quantity of Unserviceable Clothing and Remnants, Provisions for poultry or Cattle Feeding, Electro Plate and Mess Gear, etc., etc.

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NOTICE.

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A INTERIM DIVIDEND of Fifty cents (50 cents) per Share has been declared for the half year ending 30th June, 1921.

Such Interim Dividend will be payable on an after FRIDAY, the 9th September, at the Offices of the Company, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th August, 1921, until the 9th September, 1921, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 23, 1921.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE BANK OF CHINA will, on the 1st Sept. (Thursday) remove to their new Offices in No. 4, (Jasoa's Row) Central, and will from that day, transact their business there.

For THE BANK OF CHINA,
TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 26, 1921.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONGKONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY has been acquired, as from July 7th, 1921, by the undersigned with all rights and titles, and will hereafter be published by them. No claims against the Hongkong Dollar Directory incurred prior to this date will be admitted by the undersigned.

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NOTICES.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above

Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street,

Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JULY, 1921,

AT NOON, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Memorandum of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting.

A print of such draft new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street aforesaid, and a comparison of the print of the existing Memorandum of Association with the print of the draft new Memorandum of Association will show wherein the draft new Association Memorandum differs from the existing Memorandum of Association. Should the Meeting approve of such new Memorandum of Association with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

(1). That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting, and also for the following further purposes, namely:—

For the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting. A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles may be seen at the Company's Registered Office in the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street aforesaid. In such print the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by underlining in black ink and by marginal notes. Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

(2). That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 1921, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions, the above mentioned Resolutions (Nos. 1 and 2).

Should the first of the above Resolutions (No. 1) be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority, the alterations in the Company's Memorandum of Association consequently involved will be submitted to the Supreme Court of Hongkong for confirmation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the said SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be continued for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following further Resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions, namely:—

(3). That each of the existing 20,000 fully paid up shares of \$50 each constituting the Company's present Capital of \$1,000,000 be divided into 5 fully paid up shares of \$10 each so as to make such Capital \$1,000,000 consisting of 100,000 fully paid up shares of \$10 each.

(4). That after the division aforesaid, the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 consisting as aforesaid, to \$2,500,000 divided into 250,000 shares of \$10 each by the creation of 150,000 new shares of \$10 each—such new shares (subject as hereinafter mentioned) to be issued at such time or times and on such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit.

(5). That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$1,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the General Reserve, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation such sum of \$1,000,000 be distributed as bonus among the shareholders of the

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of August, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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FAMOUS RIVER IN PERIL.

SMILING MEDWAY MAY BECOME DERELICT.

Shall the River Medway be allowed to become derelict? This is the question which is exercising the minds of the residents of East Kent. The Upper Medway Conservancy, which is the body responsible for the upkeep of the river, is without funds. The bank is pressing for the reduction of an overdraft of £10,000, and the conservators decided that unless help was forthcoming their control of the river must end on May 31, that sluices and locks must be opened, and their servants paid off.

Such a step would be disastrous to the trade, health, and pleasure of the large population along the banks of the river. Many mills depend on its waters for their power, and as they will have to cease operations if the conservancy carries out its threat, many hundreds of people will be thrown out of employment.

TWO-FOLD MENACE.

The freeing of the waters would involve an almost dry and unsavoury watercourse in summer and floods in winter, which would burst the crumbling banks and spread ruin for many a mile.

Tonbridge school also draws its water from the Medway for its swimming bath, and exciting boat races between Tonbridge and other public schools are witnessed by large crowds. A derelict river might mean the closing of the town swimming bath and the suspension of mixed bathing. Councillor Donald Clark would be the only person to rejoice at such a prospect.

The danger to health from the foul stench from the depleted river running through the heart of Tonbridge cannot be estimated. The Tonbridge Ratepayers' Association, by voluntarily offering a penny rate to maintain the town locks, provide an example worthy of emulation by other local authorities along its banks. If this is secured wiser counsels may prevail before May 31.

The General Purposes Committee of the Tonbridge Urban Council decided to recommend the council to apply to the Ministry of Health for sanction to raise a penny rate, to be applied to the maintenance of the Upper Medway.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1921.

BIRTH.

JORGENSEN.—On August 19, 1921, at Shanghai, Harry Charles Thomas Jorgensen, to Emily Inwood of Shanghai and London.

MARRIAGES.

NICHOLLS—INWOOD.—On August 13, 1921, at Shanghai, Harry Charles Thomas Nicholls of Shanghai and Bristol, to Emily Inwood of Shanghai and London.

MOONEY—REED.—On August 19, 1921, at Shanghai, Arthur James Mooney to Anne Constance Reed.

DEATH.

EDWARDS.—On August 24, at Amoy, Archibald B. Edwards. Funeral at Happy Valley Cemetery 4 p.m. Sunday, 28th.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

You have heard the line, "Too mild." Perhaps it was right to dissemble your love, but why should you kick me down stairs? There was a letter in Monday morning's Morning Post which complained in a most remarkably dissembling manner of the very actions menaced caused by golfers in Happy Valley. The writer sincerely hoped that golf players would not think he was trying to injure their game; but "During a game of tennis at Happy Valley, yesterday, 19th August, a golf ball dropped on to the courts narrowly missing one of the players. A few minutes after another ball came with great speed right through the open part of the tent, under which were about 20 spectators, including some

little children, finally dropping between my feet, whilst serving a ball." He mentioned that it has happened often, and that people walking on the path have had narrow escapes. And some haven't. It is on record that a man permanently lost an eye owing to a Happy Valley Golf ball. On another occasion a golf ball struck the cemetery wall on the highway with great violence, while trans were passing. One day a playing child will be killed, and all the selfish or thoughtless golfers who persist in playing golf in this unsuitable place will be accessories to murder, because they have been warned. They know. I have said before, and I repeat now quite seriously, that no man who continues to play golf in this crowded park after what has happened is a gentleman. I also tell the Government that if it does not abolish golf in Happy Valley entirely, it is neglecting an obvious duty.

Wouldn't this make SLATTERY, you, conceited? I have received a little essay by a lady, entitled "Hidden Treasure," and on reading it through discovered that I was the hidden treasure. Her husband wanted to take her to "the pictures," but she voted instead for trying to find my camp, which she seems to have thought of as just beyond Shaokwan. In thin evening shoes they got off the tram at the end of the line, and walked along the shore towards the point where the Lyceum military people always turn you back. The way was rough (it is) and dogs barked (they do) but the moon was rising and she was sure I would be under it somewhere. In her own words: "Once our hopes were raised, and our sore, blistered feet forgotten, when we thought we had discovered the bewitched moon-lover asleep in his Arcadia, but a grunt undecoded us, and we found ourselves looking instead at an enormous black pig. Disappointed, we limped home again.

under the decisive moon, which, revealing almost everything else, refused to reveal to us the lurking place of her worshipper."

Well, well. That was too bad. If they had gone up a mountain and down a mountain, then gone round a Chinese graveyard, and along the shore a bit further, they would have found my tent, and my companions, and the Australian deer. But they would not have found me. That night, at half past one I swam out to my boat, with a kimono tied turbanwise to my head, and sailed out alone into fairy seas, past Collinson and Maglan, blinking brightly, along the moonpath, which stretched to the N. E. as far as eye could see, a road paved with silver, and with no Einstein bend in it. And when the moon, was directly overhead, I turned a little toward the west, I turned and sailed back. The wind was a series of warm sighs, and every little wave a confidential whisper. Occasional junks slid by like shadows. The friendly stars smiled, and seemed to say to me, "Have courage, brother. We saw you thousands of years ago, and here you are again. We shall see you thousands of years hence, for nothing can hurt you. You are that part of man which is immortal as we are. The fashion of your boots changes, but your soul lives true to type, devoted to beauty and the contemplation of it, and given to adventure in pursuit of it. As a reverend, worshipping minister." They paid, I re-entered our bay with the dawn, put the anchor in slowly and quietly, (splash would have seemed sacrilege) swam ashore, and found breakfast already prepared. An unforgettable night, a night on which, in the sense that Enoch walked with God, I sailed with God. It is a sad commentary on the freedom of the Press that, great as is the liberty I am permitted in this column, I may not tell you, starkly and simply, what God said to me as we sailed so together, under His sky, in the magic and witchery of His illuminations; just He and I together.

Last week I asked THAT GREEN for information about a green snake I met. What a bad reputation I have! It seems that even in that simple enquiry I was suspected of leg-pulling. "Surely he knows," said a gentleman to a friend of mine, "that that is the one deadly snake we have on this island. Fortunately it is rare." I did not know this. There are ever so many things like that that I do not know. However, I know it now, and after this I will kill every green snake I find.

LIARS. All men are liars. These words occur in the 116th psalm of the Psalmist who psalmed, David, or some other. They seem irrelevant in their context. It is hard to see how they connect with what goes before or with what follows. Yet they are probably more frequently quoted than any other bit of the psalms. You will notice, moreover, that they are incompletely quoted, after the custom of the habitual quoter. Most men omit the qualifying words showing that the psalmist was quoting himself. He says he "lied," "in his haste," without proper reflection, that all men are liars. One gathers that as he repeats his former remark, he no longer means it or believes it. He is not now speaking in haste. Most men who quote his quotation do believe that all men are liars. That is why they say it over and over again. They may say it with a giggle, but they mean it. They know themselves, and they know that the phrase "all men" includes themselves, so no doubt they know what they are talking about. But if the psalmist didn't sort of recanted, if it were really true that all men are liars (or were liars at the time he was psalming) then it is self-evident that he, the psalmist, was a liar, and that this particular statement may have been a lie. This is not said in haste, for you will notice I say "may," not "must." That means that I recognize that even a liar may tell the truth, if only inadvertently. He may even tell a lie, believing it to be a lie, and yet be telling the truth, in ignorance that it is a truth. The intent to deceive makes the liar, not the words he uses. Thus one of two burglars, after a successful raid, despoiled all the loot for himself, said to the other, "Quick! Bill. Here comes a policeman." Bill ran away. The liar stayed with the loot, and a policeman did appear, and the liar who had told the truth unwittingly was caught with the goods. So also, the true statement may be made with intent to deceive, and be a lie, like my journalistic trick mentioned last week, which, "in my haste," I said was no lie. It has been pointed out to me since that it was a lie, and I admit it. What of that? I have no particular prejudice against lies. I dislike the clumsy ones. They are so inartistic. And, of course, I am opposed to wasting lies. They should be kept as a reserve fund, as an ever ready help in time of trouble. In these days, "tough we still whip our

children for telling lies (informing them by implication that we never never taradiddle) we use lies as current coin. But just as a sovereign is no longer a quid; but a Bradbury, so our lies are no longer lies, but (1) propaganda, (2) diplomacy, (3) propaganda, or (4) spiritual truths. Winston's "journalistic inexactitudes" also ran about at the post.

Our leader-writer, THE RELIGIOUS PAPERS, saying that "the religious papers" are "by far the most cheerful section of the Press." He may have been referring to some papers connected with his own sect, in which case I, not knowing, cannot say. But if he meant the leading Anglican papers, I must commit the awful offence of contradicting him. I have occasionally quoted them for you in this column. They are not to be recommended as cheerful reading. Perhaps he meant the War Office. I get regularly. It is a bright sheet, but somehow I cannot imagine a rush for it at the Club, such as you may see when the China Mail is delivered. By the way, what about the Second Advent in South Germany? It has been reported in the Press, with headlines like "extraordinary credulity." It is up to the Padre to tell these incredulous headline writers that what happened once may happen again, and was, indeed, prophesied. The announcement (bar the belittling and sceptical headlines) seems to meet Mr. Macdonagh's requirements as "good tidings."

Then just look at MORE GOOD NEWS. About five li from Po Shan, in north China, Kansu side, a "prehistoric" city, covering an area of over 300 mu, has suddenly emerged from the loess, deposit of the plain. This, proving all his scientific hypotheses in his great work on the Creation, with seven supplementary pamphlets, Mr. Macdonagh has chosen an unfortunate week in which to complain of the disproportionate amount of bad news in the Press. There is Mr. George's pious verbosity about his hopes for the "Washington conference. There is a truce in Ireland, and the Casel concession, and review of Mr. Bernard Shaw's metaphysical pentateuch, and (lest we forget) my own important observations on the local moon.

The proletariat at A DEAN Home do not read the ON CASTLE. Quarterly Review, but they may see extracts in the papers, just as I've done. A newspaper clipping says—"The Dean of St. Paul's discusses in the last number of the Quarterly Review, the probability that white civilization cannot maintain itself, and its high standards of living, against the East. He concludes—

"And it may well be that a modified caste system, such as prevails in India and prevailed till lately in Europe, may prove to have a greater survival value than either democracy which pulverizes society into individuals and collects them again into mobs, or socialism, which in its present form desires to keep the whole population as nearly as possible on the same level."

The dear Dean plays with edged tools. Caste proposals may cut two ways. The "lower" caste, the proletariat, once it gets the idea of "survival value," may tumble to the fact that one simple way of surviving might be to take the Dean of St. Paul's and all of his caste "a la lanterne." In any case, no harm would be done by someone boxing the Dean's ears for him. He needs a shaking.

Whether you are keen on SHAW, Shaw or not, I would like you to make a point of reading the preface to his latest book, "Back to Methuselah." The so-called play or plays have amusing patches—especially a blistering satire on the Coalition leaders—but the preface is the goods. It should be a wholesome corrective to a devastating lot of cant, and in any case is good, lively reading. This although he gets out of his depth in reviling the neo-Darwinians, and is amusingly unfair to Weismann.

The cheap sort of journalist, the sort who has fallen into the habit of calling the Sinn Feiners criminals and murderers. A common phrase in referring to them was the "murder gang." The New Statesman scores an undeniable point in this connection with the truth. It points out that "direct, unconditional, personal, and friendly negotiations" are now going on between the English and Irish Governments. Both, Lloyd George and Asquith, Greenwood have shaken out of Valera (whose proclamation stopped hostilities—or the murders—on his side) by the hand. However, the present discussions may result in a "honourable" belittling of the Irish Republican Army has been recognized beyond all dispute or repudiation by the British Government negotiators. It seems

to me the point is well taken; but the difference—nowadays—between "honourable" belligerency and "murder" seems very small. If I remember rightly the same class of journalist used to describe the Germans as "murderers."

The New Statesman also has a bit about Ulstermen. It jeers at the epithet "loyal Ulster," remarking that "Ulster has displayed plenty of determination not to be governed by the Irish but never the smallest symptom of 'loyalty' to anybody or anything but herself and her religion. Before the war it was the Ulsterman who got arms from Germany and who talked of repudiating their allegiance to the British Crown. During the war Ulster did just about as little as she could, and that 'on terms'—compare the recruiting statistics of Belfast and of faraway Melbourne. And lately loyal Ulster was the only place in the British Empire where the King's appeal found no echo in the hearts of his subjects. On the very day of the Irish truce, fifty homes inhabited by Nationalists in Belfast were burned down by an Orange mob."

Ulstermen, the narrowest and most spitefully bigoted sectarians who exist, we suppose, anywhere in this twentieth century. The cause of Ulster has been espoused by English politicians for their own ends, but the average Englishman loves the Ulsterman not a whit more than Ulster loves the English. We are none of us really taken in by Ulster "loyalty": there is so plainly nothing behind it—save sectarian hatred and distrust of Catholic Nationalist Ireland. If there is one city in the Empire which is essentially republican in its native sentiment it is Belfast.

The Orangemen are the only authentic Protestants left in the Old World since the Pilgrim Fathers sailed for America. I reprint this chiefly for the good of the soul of the Daily Press correspondent who earlier in the week took pleasure in calling de Valera a half-caste, as if (to a Christian) that were a name of shame. I should add, however, that great as is the New Statesman's contempt for the "narrow and spitefully bigoted" Ulstermen, that a journal of opinion that they should not be subjected to the authority of a Dublin parliament.

In response to numerous CERTAINLY enquires, I am NOT going to preach in one of the local churches tomorrow, but on any subsequent Sunday. Any who go expecting to hear me will be disappointed. It was the other fellow, a leader writer, who volunteered to preach, and I have not heard that he has got any invitation to do so.

Whether we like a thing or not, if it's true it's true. I noticed while I was reading Shaw's preface that he has some bee in his bonnet about "Creative Evolution" being more beautiful than "Natural Selection." He is horrified at the unconscious, mechanical or inevitable theory of origins. Since writing my first paragraph (some where above this) I have come across a neat answer to that. "Can anyone in his senses," demands one Robson of Hampshire, "understand why a Trematode worm parasite that inflicts untold suffering on its hosts should be an object of beauty, when viewed as a product of the Shavian Lamarckian *claus claus*, and why a daffodil should be an object of horror and disgust, when viewed as a product of Natural Selection?" Shaw would be willing to pass the worm as a result of fortuitous circumstances, but he cannot bear to think of himself as an accident—a mere fluke. Natural, perhaps, but unscientific.

The first time I remember turned to my ancestral home after a prolonged absence from the country, I went rummaging one wet afternoon in an attic, and found that they had collected my schoolbooks together in a big box. Turning them over, I opened one dealing with what, in my school days, was called "Natural Philosophy." It opened at a page which said that, for certain given reasons, heavier-than-air flying machines were an impossibility, and an unscientific dream. That very afternoon aeroplanes were mooring overhead. I am not going to quiz my learned colleagues on the tremendous conclusions they have been drawing from the last disaster. My present purpose is to point out that even the level-headed *Mancester Guardian*, discussing French attempts to evolve a man-driven flying machine, declares that "the whole idea of a man-driven aeroplane is a mere curiosity in the history of aviation, and bears about the same relation to actual flight as a race on stilts does to the real thing." What's the betting? That line of argument betters the push-bike as much as it disproves the push-bike. I quite expect M. Poulin will evolve an "aeritike" that will be much more than a push-bike. Man will yet find a way of conserving his own

energies as the birds do, conquer his weight by impetus, and hold it up by soaring. It is not now nearly so crazy a day dream as it was twenty years ago.

Twenty-five years ago AN ODDITY. J. W. Lowther, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, gave me a lift in his dogcart. This week he gives me a lift with a paragraph. I see that in Canada he suggested to a Toronto audience that the House of Lords could be converted into a sort of Imperial Parliament, to which representatives from the Dominions would be sent. It is recorded that he was "obviously astonished" at the derisive shouts of laughter with which the suggestion was greeted. Lowther is a beautiful speaker, who can enunciate deliberately, clearly, and eloquently the thinnest trickle of ideas that can possibly be expanded into a speech. A thorough gentleman, he has been crowding for all these years in the languorous hive at Westminster, or awake only to little niceties of procedure and ritual fit only to occupy the minds of children. That there is a big real world, in which changes are occurring to which we must adjust ourselves, and that in this big, real world there are live men who have no time for the old playthings, is a discovery this trip of his may be giving him. It is hard on him; it must be a bit of a shock, for he is no longer young. The old Englishman of respecting advocates of special interests is dead, but some people don't seem to know it yet. Why, even the House of Commons is now regarded pretty much as the House of Lords has long been regarded, as a bunch of obstructive time-wasters. If only I can manage to live until 1941, I'll be able to write "I told you so."

Gilbert White says that owls hoot in B flat and G flat and A flat. This owl hooted or something in a Kowloon flat, and was not popular. No one dreamed of calling its owner Minerva, because he was a male, and knows more about Scotch than Greek. Whether the dear little Kowloon owl was murdered, or committed suicide, is not clear, but it is certain that it became a dead owl, because its owner sent it to cold storage. Some say he did this with a view to a post-mortem, others say he meant to have it stuffed. The latest is that the cold-storage man, discovering that it was not edible bird, cast it forth with contempt, and that he now has to face a suit for damages for breach of trust or something. All of which I cannot vouch for, never having seen the owl, but so many readers have begged me to "put a bit in" about it that I have done so, piecing together their tales. And in a way I am thus avenged for a hoax upon me of which the owl-keeper did lately boast.

When I become an admirer of Lord Northcliffe or of his two big organs, the Times and the Daily Mail, I will be sure to let you know in time. I will also keep you posted should my admiration for the present gang that calls itself the British Government ever become too intense for me to keep it to myself. I am, I want you to realize, quite impartial when I proceed to tell you that in solemnly deciding to refuse further information to those two newspapers, the British Foreign Office has reached the lowest level of imbecility, of an English spite, that I have so far observed. The Times had, quite properly if it really thought so, protested against Lloyd George and Lord Curzon going to represent us at the Washington Conference. It gave quite plausible reasons for objecting to them. Lloyd George and Curzon, like small-minded officials elsewhere (I have no immediate grouse, so spare them) object only to criticism when it is effective. They "welcome" ineffective criticism, naturally. It is the duty of the papers to criticize and this particular criticism was an important one. Lloyd George (yes, even he of Limehouse) spoke in Parliament of the "bad taste" of this criticism. Here is a bit of it, to show you what hit him:

"The pompous and pretentious manner of the Foreign Secretary, his business incapacity, an exhibited in the present state of his Department, and his obsequious docility to the Prime Minister's behests, even when these may not commend themselves to his judgment, unfit him for the discharge of the responsible duties which the mission would impose upon him. The Prime Minister himself has many admirers at home, even among his opponents. The 'magnetic influence' of the man, his courage in debate, and his humour appeal to them. But of all statesmen in Europe he is probably the most distrusted. It is notorious that no Government, and no statesman who has had dealings with him, puts the smallest confidence in him."

"Such 'personalities' are becoming increasingly necessary if we are ever to make an end of the mischiefs into which mealy-mouthed humbug and 'whitewash' and the sheepish acceptance of 'explanations' that do not explain are dragging us. John Smith as a public servant is either a bad man or a good man. Upon the verdict much depends. The only way to get such a verdict is by the route of plain words, that say what they mean, and are meant to mean what they say. This F. O. action stands as a plain attempt to intimidate what should be an independent Press into Podsnappery."

The liberty of the Press is the liberty of saying things which may be interpreted as unfair, and which governments will certainly think to be interpreted as unfair. The *Evening Standard* says: "If a Government is to be at liberty to draw a line and say that a particular kind of intemperance and unfairness is damaging to the public interest, there is no logical stopping point." The position has always seemed plain and simple enough to me, but others do not seem to see it as I do. The Rev. Mr. Macdonagh, having criticised the Press, wrote to thank the *Morning Post* because its criticism of his criticism was good-tempered or good-humoured. What had that to do with the elucidation of truth? The *Post* published a short letter from a correspondent who, like Lloyd George, thought the Church should not meddle or interfere with matters outside its province. I cannot understand such an outlook. The "province" of the Pulpit and the Press is the same, the denunciation of sin, or of wrong doing, if you don't like the word sin. The Church is the oldest newspaper. The Press only began to gain its position when the Church became neglectful of its duties. There is no human activity or business which is not the immediate concern of a conscientious preacher, nor of a conscientious newspaper writer. It is their duty to speak out boldly and truthfully, either as critics, or in answers to critics. There is one war which no Pacific wants to stop, the everlasting war between right and wrong, the duel between those who regard and measure the whole of life from the standpoint of ethics, and those who regard and measure only material values and what they call expediency. By the way, the Rev. Mr. Macdonagh has taken absolutely no notice of the *China Mail*, which provided the most intelligent criticism of his criticism, and gave him an opening for clarifying and correcting his first utterance. Somebody should give him a copy.

As the name of the borrowed dicates, Erse, is a dead language. The Irish are an English-speaking people. "O Friend! I know the mood of not what was I the time must look for comfort, as I am, oppressed. The wealthiest man among us is the best: No grandeur now in nature or in book Delights us: Rapine, avarice, expense, This is idolatry: and these we adore: Plain living and high thinking are no more: The homely beauty of the good old cause Is gone: our peace, our fearful innocence And pure religion breathing household laws."

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LOCAL THIEVES.

THEIR PECULIAR NERVE.

Everybody has heard about the Court clock, that was stolen while the Court was sitting, but some consider the story apocryphal. Opium smugglers have a nerve too. They smuggled opium on a revenue cruiser on which the I.G.M.C. was travelling. But the palm must go to the thief who went into the Hongkong Police Club, and abstracted a large sum of money from the pocket of a policeman's coat that was hanging up there.

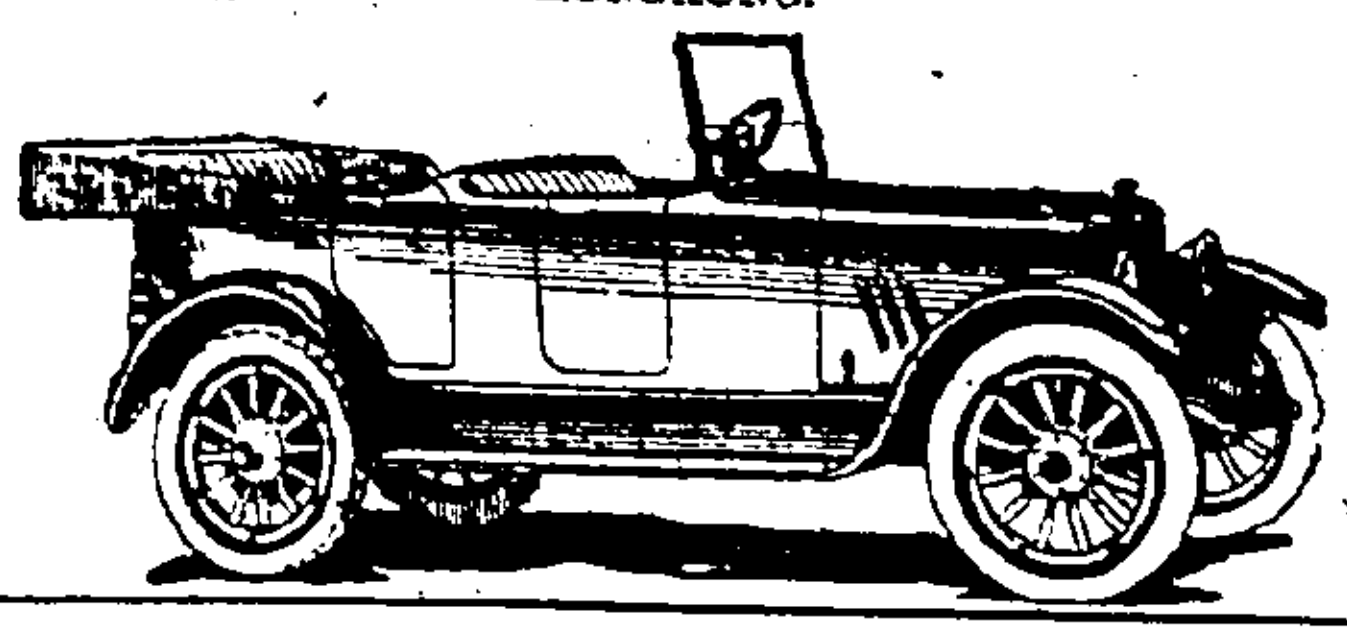
Criminal sessions is fixed for Monday, August 29.

The *Gazette* has some new regulations about dogs and rabbits, some new prison rules, and some revised postal rates.

TEETHING CHILDREN.

Teething children have more or less diarrhea, which can be controlled by giving Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. All that is necessary is to give the remedy after each operation of the bowels move. It is not natural and they will not be able to do it. The most severe and dangerous cases are quickly cured by it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SCOTTISH IRON AND STEEL WORKS.

CONFIDENCE IN RECOVERING OVERSEAS MARKET.

LONDON, August 26.
Scottish iron and steel works are increasing their working staffs preparatory to speedy reopening as substantial orders already received inspire confidence in recovering the overseas markets.

AIR MAIL EXPLODES.

FALL INTO SEA OFF CALAIS.

NO NEWS OF SURVIVORS.

LONDON, August 26.
The London Brussels air mail exploded in midair off Calais at midday and fell into the sea. A mail bag has been picked up. The air mail is believed to be a Belgian owned machine. No news has been received of survivors.

THE IRISH TANGLE [NO 2.]

[By "FRASINS" for THE CHINA MAIL.]

WHAT THE IRISHMAN SEES AND THE ENGLISHMAN CAN'T SEE:

Everybody who is not a teacher recognises the teaching manner that vice from which every schoolmaster suffers. From long habit of imparting his knowledge almost dogmatically and without fear of contradiction, the schoolmaster comes to think dogmatically and sometimes even to extend his third-form cocksureness to grown-ups. Grown-ups never like this. Even Queen Victoria complained that Mr. Gladstone spoke to her as if she was a public meeting.

Now unfortunately, England among the nations has played the part of a schoolmaster: to some extent, even she has been a successful schoolmaster. But she has acquired the teaching manner, that professional cocksureness which is the badge of all the tribe. This many do for the third form—the Kaffir or the Fijian; but when it is applied to grown-ups, especially to grown-ups who have a sense of humour—well, they resent it.

The consequence is, the Irishman thinks the Englishman very stupid. And there is no doubt of it, the Englishman is very stupid when he comes to deal with Ireland. He treats her as the teacher treats the third form boy—he tries to govern her instead of letting her govern herself. This is one thing the Englishman can never see: You can never govern another people, you must always let them govern themselves. Macaulay's adage, if you want a person to swim, you must let him get into the water, is lost on him. The consequence is that the Irishman's impression of English intelligence is very low. There is a story current in Ireland that Dublin Castle Government bought some hundred copies of Slogan's book on "Irish Bulls" and sent them to the Government Model Farms at Glasnevin and elsewhere in Ireland. This literature had one advantage, indeed: it mitigated the tedium of Dublin Castle officialdom in Ireland so much as to delay considerably the Rebellion of 1916. The book was full of good stories as well as old chestnuts like the account of the Irish schoolmaster who said:—

"O'Grady, stand up on the form!"
"I'll show you that you can't be the biggest fool in the class while I'm in it."
Another story told by Mr. George Birmingham illustrates very clearly the view the Irish peasant takes of the British Government. An English tourist was visiting the Seven Churches and the Round Towers at Glendalough in Co. Wicklow. Hoping to tap some of the local Irish superstitions, he said to the parson:—
"Will you tell me now, Pat, where do you think these Round Towers came from, and who built them?"
"Well, sir," said Pat, "faith, there's no one can tell that; but seeing that they cost a power of money and that they're dividin' bits of use, I think it must have been the English Government that built them."
This fatal error of the Englishman—the attempt to govern Ireland instead of letting Ireland govern herself—has been the cause of all the trouble of the whole so-called Irish Tangle. Of course it is quite easy for an Irishman to see this; but nothing seems to be

able to drive it into the head of an Englishman. He seems to think that there is some political homoeopoeia, "a best-Government-pill," destined to cure every political ill, forgetful of the fact that the best Government is the people like best. An Englishman writing of the neighbouring nations spoke of the one as the "Wild Irishman" and of the other as the "Un-speakable Scot." And the latter has replied by publishing a book called the "Egregious Englishman." But this is a misnomer. To the Irishman he is "the unteachable Englishman." Nothing seems to be a lesson to him. It is this bovine indocility on the part of the Englishman which has produced what I might call "the Sibylline attitude" of the Irish party.

According to the ancient legend the Sibyl brought the nine books of sacred lore to Tarquin. But the latter was obdurate. The books were too dear: he would not buy them. The Sibyl went away, burned three and returned with six. The same price was asked. Tarquin again refused. The Sibyl again went away, burned three more of the books and returned with the remaining three. Again she demanded the same price. At last Tarquin relented at the eleventh hour. Thus was saved for Rome the heritage of the Sibylline Books. But Rome was like England, of the Imperial "governing" type, unteachable, and she never really realised what she lost.

Today the Sibylline drama, in a somewhat altered form, is being enacted before our very eyes. Hibernia, the Sibyl, offers the volumes of Imperial Peace to John Bull. But now, instead of the volumes being burned on each refusal, the price rises in geometrical progression. In the days of Daniel O'Connell it was Catholic Emancipation. John Bull was obdurate; the price was too high. In the days of Parnell it was land reform. "Impudent hussy! This is the work of illiterate agitators." And Hibernia retreated scowling. In the days of John Redmond the demand was for her own Treasury, her own police and complete control of her internal affairs. John Bull relented: "almost thou persuadest me to be a Home Ruler." But then there was the fatal "Curragh Mutiny."

Now Hibernia has returned—the last time. The price of Imperial Peace is—total separation; an Independent Republic.

And the answer is—
"The tide ebbs fast; the wind droops low to-day;
Feeble as dying haze that hates to die,
Blow, living air, and blow the mists away."
From Ireland's Eye.

Capt. Perkins, pilot, Penang, while leaving the pilot launch last week to climb the rope ladder on a ship's side, had his ankle badly crushed and is under medical treatment.

Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw, and Co., Ltd., advertise big reductions the final week of their great sale, Monday, August 29 to Saturday, September 3, during the first three days of which thousands of bargains will be offered at 50 per cent. There will also be special bargain tables at 10 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents.

POLICEMAN'S COMPLAINT AGAINST EUROPEAN.

Magistrate Lindell this morning heard evidence in the case in which John Thompson, master mariner, was summoned for disorderly conduct in Padder Street on the night of August 25, and assaulting an Indian Police Sergeant.

The defendant who was represented by Mr. D. H. Blake, cross-examined the Indian for assault and using abusive language.

Mr. T. H. King, D.S.P. conducted the case for the prosecution.

Sgt. B. 246, Nabi Bux, said he had been 22 years in the force and was now on traffic duty. On August 25 at 8.45 he was on general patrol duty near the Hongkong Hotel. The sergeant on duty there L. S. B. 135 asked him to stand by his post for a minute and he did so. While there he noticed a yellow chow bich running under the Hongkong Hotel verandah. It was running after, and barking at people; he saw it do this four times. Afterwards it stood by two Europeans—the defendant and another. He went up to the two Europeans and said, in English: "Please catch this dog; biting any passengers." The answer he received from the defendant was "get away you—". He replied: "Please you not abuse me; you get this dog. The defendant abused him again, with bad language.

For the second time he said "Why you abuse me please?" He said: "This is not my dog." Witness said: "Not your dog? I catch this dog and go police station." As he bent to catch the dog, and called it to him, he received a blow on his shoulders from the defendant. Witness was on the roadway at the time; the defendant came out and struck him. Defendant appeared to be about to strike another blow but witness took hold of him and another constable came and also held him. They took him together to the police station. The dog followed still barking and running at people. Defendant resisted them most of the way to the station. He did not at any time use any other words to the defendant beyond what he had said, nor did he abuse him in Hindustani.

Mr. King: During this altercation did the other European say or do anything at all?

Witness: No, he did not interfere.

He took no part but came to the police station with us.

Before the defendant struck you that blow did you touch him at all?

No.

In cross-examination, the witness said he said nothing to defendant: to the effect that he would shoot the dog. Nor did the defendant rejoin: "If you shoot the dog, I will shoot your head off." He did not then call defendant "You damned English son of a—".

I put it to you you said that more than once and used other words such as "swine."

Witness: No, I do not abuse Chinese. Should I use such language to an English gentleman?

P.C. B234 saw the opening of the conversation. The Indian sergeant spoke to the Europeans and pointed to the dog. Then he saw the sergeant bend down to the dog and the defendant struck him a blow. The sergeant caught hold of his arm and witness went up and took hold of the other arm. They took him to the police station. Sub-inspector Grant said that when brought to the station, the defendant was very excited, but not intoxicated. He used filthy language towards the Indian Sergeant in the charge room and said if he had him outside he would kill him. The witness had to speak to the defendant several times before he stopped. The defendant told the witness that the dog belonged to the

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.
MEMBERS are requested to attend the funeral of the late Bro. A. EDWARDS, (S. W. St. John's Lodge 618) at the Protestant Cemetery Chapel on SUNDAY, 28th, at 4 p.m.

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HONGKONG CLUB.
NOTICE.
THE FIRST YEARLY DRAWING of 30 DEBENTURES (1920 issue) —\$500 each of the Hongkong Club, Payable on FRIDAY, the 30th September, 1921, will be held in the CLUB HOUSE at 11 o'clock, a.m., on THURSDAY, the 28th September, 1921. Bidders of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,
A. H. ABBAS, Secretary.
Hongkong, August 27, 1921.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.
THE NEW CLASS-ROOMS of St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE will be opened by His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, on TUESDAY, next, August 30th, at 5.30 p.m. LADY STURGES has also kindly expressed her intention of being present.

After the opening ceremony His Lordship the Right Rev. D. POZZONI, will give the liturgical blessing to the new building.

All past and present pupils and their relatives as well as all friends of the College are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, August 27, 1921.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, August 30, 1921, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 17 Godown of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. Kowloon, (For Account of the Concerned), 87 cases Matches. (all more or less damaged). Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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Published at the offices of the Shanghai Mercury, the guide may be purchased for the modest sum of 50 cents. A useful map of Shanghai finds a place among its 70 odd pages.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. A. B. EDWARDS.

At Amoy on August 24, the death occurred, after a brief illness, of Mr. Archibald Bain Edwards who was the Asiatic Petroleum Company's installation manager for that district. Mr. Edwards was with the A. P. C. in Hongkong for some years and his move to Amoy was made quite recently. Both his parents reside in the Colony and the deceased leaves a widow and three children. The funeral is to take place at Happy Valley cemetery to-morrow at 4 p.m.

Members of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry, the St. John's Lodge 618 E.C., and the Naval and Military Lodge 848 S.C., are requested to attend the funeral.

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The time that has elapsed since Dempsey disposed of Carpentier, who challenged him for the Heavyweight Championship, can easily be reckoned in weeks. In spite of this the management of the World Theatre have been enabled to produce a very realistic film of the historic encounter. That the public appreciate the energy and business instinct is shown by the splendid booking. Last night, at the initial screening, the World was packed. Though only witnessing a reproduction of the fight a considerable amount of feeling was displayed. For instance the attacks by Carpentier were loudly applauded, while his great effort in the second round produced much excitement. Dempsey was not wanting in supporters and cheers were raised as he smashed a couple of hooks to Carpentier's jaw. The picture itself is an excellent example of photographic art. It is safe to assert that seated comfortably in the World you can get a much better view of the contest than can be obtained than that of those who paid money for seats in Rickard's vast arena. Fight films have usually consisted of watching three small specks on the screen, the referee and the contestants. In this, however, everything is on a large

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

GRAVE NEWS FROM SOUTHERN INDIA.

LONDON, August 26th. Grave news comes from Southern India, where a fanatical Mohammedan clan of the Mohab is in open rebellion. The following is an official statement: A mob of 1000 in Tanjore captured the Sub-Magistrate, the police inspector and two soldiers. Their fate is unknown. An office was burned down. The District Magistrate has abandoned Tirunelveli. Thirty men of the Special Police, with 20 men of the Special Police, are holding Madurai, and appealing for assistance, which is far from forthcoming.

Railways and telegraphs to the west of Madurai have been cut. The situation at Calicut is critical. Women and children have taken shelter in barracks. The warship "Ganges" has been despatched to Calicut. The 2nd Dorset is proceeding to Bellary, and artillery is following.

It is reported that looting and excesses are occurring in Calicut. Europeans have gone to West Hill. It is estimated that the Mohab casualties number between five to seven hundred killed.

The Mohabs are turbulent tribesmen found in Southern India. Ethnologically they are an "Aryan" race. At one time they were made to follow their military ardour into peaceful channels, and a Mohab regiment was established, but their distrust of discipline made the experiment a failure, and the regiment was disbanded. It may be mentioned that the Mohabs claim an Arab origin, and are fanatical Mohammedans.

AMERICAN TREATY WITH GERMANY.

BERLIN, August 26th. A peace treaty between the United States and Germany has been signed. The treaty consists of three articles and reproduces the United States Congressional resolution of July 2nd, 1921. Germany undertakes to grant all rights and reparations indicated in the resolution and the Treaty of Versailles, while America is not bound by Part I of the Versailles Treaty nor its references to the League of Nations.

The proceedings at the signature of the German-American peace agreement at Berlin, scarcely lasted ten minutes. Mr. Drexel, Secretary of the American Affairs, and Baron Rosen, the German Foreign Minister, were the signatories.

AUSTRALIANS V. SOMERSET.

LONDON, August 26th. At Taunton, in fine weather and before a good spectator, Somerset compiled 125 on a good wicket for 100 runs. The Australians contributed 47 unfinished. Somerset followed on and made 150. Lowry contributed 56 (including 2 sixes and 7 fours) by splendid hitting. Armstrong took 7 wickets for 35 runs. The Australians on the match by an 85 and 55 runs.

BRITISH COAL FOR RUSSIA.

PARIS, August 26th. A message from Riga states that Herr Hugo Stinnes has concluded an agreement with the Soviet to furnish and transport 400,000 tons of British coal for Petrograd.

THE RUSSIAN F.MINE.

HERNIMPORE, August 26th. Russian official statistics show that 95,011 cases of cholera have been registered in Russia since January 1921.

DAVIS CUP.

NEWPORT (R.I.), August 25th. In the final of the Davis Cup, Shimidzu (Japan) defeated Anderson (Australia) 6-4, 7-5, and 6-4.

There were several hundreds of spectators and it was perfect weather. On the first court, the diminutive Japanese profited in the first set from the errors of his Gt. Australian opponent, who studied in the second set, making perfect side-line drives and killing tosses at the net.

Later, Shimidzu again forced the pace and kept up a continuous bombardment. Anderson's back-hand pressure unassisted him and he later he double faulted several times.

Shimidzu owed his victory to speedy foot-work and extraordinary steadiness.

NEWPORT, August 26th. In the Davis Cup tournament Kumagai, the Japanese, beat Hawkins (Australia) 6-4, 7-5, and 6-4.

An outstanding feature was Kumagai's steadiness once he got into the stride. Hawkins, at the beginning, showed remarkable control, subduing the ball to all parts of the court at an irresistible pace and took the first and second sets convincingly.

Kumagai, like Shimidzu, kept plugging along into what became an endurance contest. Steadiness was the winning factor in the third set. Kumagai showed renewed vigour in the fourth set, and won four straight games with the loss of only five points before Hawkins could check him.

The Australian, however, was unable to control the ball, and Kumagai won by 20 to 15 points.

Kumagai developed wrist cramp at the beginning of the fifth set, and lost three games successively. Then, he ran out in five straight games of which only one ran to deuce.

THE R38 ISASTER.

LONDON, August 26th. An official statement says that the court of enquiry to investigate the airship accident will meet at Howden on August 27th, under the presidency of Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Salmond, and include the United States naval representative. An unsuccessful effort was made at low tide last night, to shift the wreckage and release the bodies which are most probably entangled beneath. A crane will be installed for this purpose. It is now believed that 51 persons were aboard, which gives the death-roll as 48. It is officially stated that the enquiry into the R38 disaster, to-morrow, will be private.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

IRISH CRISIS.

LONDON, August 26th.

It is officially stated that David Eiracani's reply unanimously rejects the British offer of Dominion status for Ireland, and says that it refuses subordinate independence to a powerful neighbour coveting territory for military advantages.

The reply also declares that peace is attainable on the basis of the principle of government by the consent of the governed, and that Eiracani is ready to appoint representatives to negotiate such a peace.

In a reply, David Eiracani says: "We did not seek war and we do not seek war, but if war is made upon us, we must, and shall, defend ourselves. We long to end the conflict between Britain and Ireland. If your Government is determined to impose its will on us by force, and to defend its position by force, we will negotiate a peace, the responsibility for the continuance of the conflict rests on you."

FIGHTING IN ASIA MINOR.

SMARNA, August 26th. A Greek military communiqué states that, "On August 23rd, after long marches, on both the banks of the river Sakaria and through the great salt deserts, we came in contact with the main enemy force south of the river Ghonkou, a tributary of the Sakaria."

ANTI-WASTE BY ELECTION.

LONDON, August 26th. The by-election in the Abbey division of Westminster resulted as follows:—Brigadier-General J. S. Nicholson, Conservative, 6,204. Colonel R. V. K. Appleton, Anti-Waste, 4,970. Mr. Arnold Lupton (Independent Liberal), "Anti-Waste," 3,773.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki on Aug. 23 (1 a.m.) left there on Aug. 24 (6 p.m.) and is due at Kobe on Aug. 24 (6 p.m.). The S.S. "Pachyphos" (Blue Funnel Line) from Pacific Ports left Rotterdam on Aug. 24 for Hongkong and is due here on Aug. 28.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mandela" left Shanghai for this Port on Aug. 25 at 5 a.m. and is due here on Aug. 28 at about 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tatekura Maru" (New York Line) left Nagasaki for this Port on Aug. 23 and is expected here on Aug. 24.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Atsuta Maru" (European Line) left London for this Port via Suez on Aug. 20 and is expected here on Sept. 28.

The China Mail s.s. "Nanking" left Shanghai on Friday morning, Aug. 26 and is due to arrive at Hongkong on Monday morning, Aug. 29 at daylight.

The T. & O. s.s. "Ginjo Maru" sailed from Moji on Aug. 24 and is due at Hongkong Aug. 29 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" is expected to leave Colombo for Hongkong on Aug. 29.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yoshio Maru" (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this Port via Osaka and Moji on Aug. 23, and is expected here on Aug. 30.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dilwara" left Singapore for this Port on Aug. 25 at 4 p.m. and is due here on Aug. 30 at about 6 a.m.

The C.M. s.s. "Nanking" will be detached from Hongkong to Singapore at 10 a.m. Wednesday Aug. 31.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kamo Maru" (European Line) left London for this Port via Suez on July 23 and is expected here on Aug. 31.

The s.s. "Eurymachus" (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on Aug. 6 for Hongkong and is due here on Sept. 1.

The American and Matheorian Line s.s. "Sardonia" from New York arrived at Manila on Aug. 24 and is expected to arrive here on Sept. 1.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Montagu" arrived at Keelung on Aug. 25 (a.m.), left there on Aug. 25 (noon), and is due at Shanghai on Aug. 28 (8 p.m.).

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Sado Maru" left Kobe for this Port via Moji and Shanghai on Aug. 23 and is expected here on Sept. 1, and will sail for Europe via Singapore on Sept. 2.

The E. & A. s.s. "Eastern" sailed from Sydney on Aug. 10 and is due to arrive at this Port on Sept. 2 with the Australian Mail.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai on Aug. 12, and is due here on or about Sept. 4.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on Aug. 18, and is due here on or about Sept. 8.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Benten Maru" (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this Port via Rangoon and Singapore on Aug. 17 and is expected here on Sept. 5.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tyo Maru" left London for this Port via Suez on Aug. 6 and is expected here on Sept. 15.

The Dohwell Castle Line s.s. "Bows Castle" (which sailed from this Port May 19 via Suez Canal for New York, arrived at that Port on August 13. Local agents, Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd.

The P. & O. s.s. "Sardonia" left London on Aug. 19 and may be expected to arrive at Hongkong about Sept. 27.

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"TALITHYRUS"	14th Sept.	Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver
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"PROTESILAUS"	2nd Nov.	

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Ship	Departure	Arrival
"ATREUS"	2nd Sept.	via Suez

PASSENGER SERVICE

Ship	Departure	Arrival
"PYRRHUS"	3rd Sept.	for Shanghai Kobe & Yama
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U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empire State	
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Keystone State	
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Dilwara	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Saturday, August 27.	Time
Fort Bayard	3.30 p.m.	
Samshui and Wuchow	3.30 p.m.	
Straits and Bangkok	3.30 p.m.	
Swatow	3.30 p.m.	
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and Aden	3.30 p.m.	
Shanghai and North China	3.30 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	3.30 p.m.	
Swatow, Straits and Bangkok	3.30 p.m.	
Shanghai and North China	3.30 p.m.	
Shanghai and North China	3.30 p.m.	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL SERVICES ORDERED THIS WEEK.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

HONGKONG 28th AUGUST, 1921.

10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Holy Communion at 7.50 a.m.

Matins at 11 a.m.

Responses: Psalm: 75 (Cooke), 78 (Woodward).

To Deum, Woodward, Smart, Turle.

Beneditus, No. 11 (Jacobs), Anthem.

"Lift up your heads" (Coleridge Taylor), Hymn, 210. Sevenfold Amen.

Litany 12 noon.

Evangelist 6 p.m.

Responses: Psalm: 77 (Dupuis); Magnificat, No. 16 (Hers); Nunc Dimittis, Barby; Hymn, 225, 226, 20.

The Wesleyan Church, Queen's Road.

(OPPOSITE ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL)

Worship: Sunday, August 28th 1921.

10.15 a.m. Bible Service and Church Parade; Subject: "Little Bethel."

Preacher: Rev. C. Clouston Perri.

H.F.C. Evening Service: 8 p.m.

Special Preacher, Rev. E. Dewstone, of Canton.

Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

Sunday 8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting and Social Hour. Wednesday, 8.30 p.m. Circle of Study and Debate.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, MacDonnell Road.

Sunday, 11.15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6.45 p.m.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

WOMEN NOW ADMITTED.

The Registrar of the Hongkong University (Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh) informed a *China Mail* reporter today that it has now been decided to admit women to the University. He added that the first girl student had already been registered.

CASTLE PEAK.

COASTAL ROAD CLOSED.

The coastal road to Castle Peak has been closed to traffic owing to the heavy rain having caused ruts dangerous to traffic.

St. Stephen's College reopens on Monday, September 19. Examination of new students will take place on Saturday, September 17 at 9 a.m.

The bar boy employed at the Masonic Hall, Haiphong Road, Kowloon, reports to the police that during last night his quarters were entered by a thief who forced open the shutters and stole clothing, jewellery and money to the total value of \$45.50. He did not discover the theft until the morning, when he awoke and found the window wide open.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

GANG ROBBERS' EXPLOIT.

GROCER AND HIS SON KIDNAPPED.

Ten robbers armed with rifles and revolvers broke into the Kwong Wo Yuen grocery shop in Leungshan wan village, Sakung district at 7 o'clock on Thursday night.

After binding the master, his son and his wife, they ransacked the shop, stealing a large quantity of clothing, jewellery, money and provisions, the value of which has not yet been ascertained.

Not satisfied with their haul, the robbers took away with them the shop master and his son whom they are holding for ransom.

Sgt. Murphy who arrived soon after the robbers had departed, fired a rocket and summoned the police launch. A search was made of the vicinity, but no trace of the robbers could be found.

KINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET THEATRE.

"DON'T EVER MARRY."

For sheer fun and enjoyment it would be difficult to find a truer picture of "Don't Ever Marry," the part First National attraction heading the current bill at the Coronet Theatre. Presented by Marshall Neilan, the producer of "Daddy Longlegs" and other notable First National photoplays, this delightful film is a splendid example of the kinema's finest art. A brief glimpse at the story will convey some small impression of the pleasure awaiting the spectator.

The injunction, "Don't Ever Marry," is disregarded by good-natured Joe Benson. He is ready to wed Dorothy, pretty daughter of choleric Colonel Whynn, when his proposal is emphatically rejected by the old Colonel, and he weds Dorothy secretly, the Justice agreeing not to report the ceremony until after his vacation. Joe engages the bride suite in a hotel. By mistake the flowers he orders are confused with those intended for a funeral. They are suggestive, as the old Colonel has threatened to kill him.

Through Joe's kindness of heart other ladies arrive at the suite before Dorothy, one of them a friend who is hiding her marriage. She pretends she is Joe's wife, with distressing complications. Then appears a divorced lady friend, in dread of her murderous ex-husband. All now conspire to put poor Joe in such a state of mind that he is forced to pretend temporary insanity to keep from being wedded to the wrong girl. He barely escapes bigamy, to be confronted by the ex-husband, who insists that his former wife shall be treated right.

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